with the provisions of the Tobacco Board Act, the present Baord consists of 26 members including Members of Parliament and representatives of Central and State Governments, growers, exporters, dealers, manufacturers and experts. Of the representatives from farmers/traders category, seven are from Andhra Pradesh and two are from Karnataka. At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to change the composition of the Tobacco Board.

Modifications in Indo-Nepal Trade Treaty

493. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nepal Government has requested modifictions in the Indo-Nepal Trade Treaty signed in the month of March, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons forwarded for changes in the treaty; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The request of Government of Nepal for increasing the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) of Copper and Copper products has been agreed to. The quota has been increased from 7500 tonnes to 10,000 tonnes.

Decline in export of gold jewellery

494. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a)whether there has been sharp decline in the volume of export of India gold Jewellery during the past months;

(b)if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;